

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1735
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) The total number of Regional Publicity Officers (RPOs) in the country, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether any posts in such offices are lying vacant;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to fill up such vacant posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) The Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP) has 22 Regional Offices (ROs) in the Country including one Regional Office at Jaipur in Rajasthan.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) 265 posts of all categories in the country, including 13 posts in Regional Office at Jaipur (Rajasthan) are lying vacant.
- (d) Vacancies are due to shortage of staff in IIS Cadre. The steps for filling these posts are underway in consultation with Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)/Staff Selection Commission (SSC).